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Arizona Department of Public Safety seizes almost 23,000 pounds of marijuana during March

A number of traffic stops by Highway Patrol officers along with seizures made by Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) criminal investigators resulted in the confiscation of 22,917 pounds of marijuana during March.

The amount seized was more than double the 9,700 pounds seized in February.

The traffic stops were made at various locations throughout the state.

“These numbers have increased significantly since the beginning of the year. It shows how determined drug dealers are to get their product through the state. Keep in mind both Highway Patrol officers and criminal investigators made significant seizures last month. We are more vigilant than ever,” said Roger Vanderpool, director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Most of the marijuana seizures came after canines with DPS or the U.S. Border Patrol were used to search vehicles. The arrests and marijuana seizures occurred statewide and were not concentrated in one area.

DPS officers working in a collaborative investigation seized 3,854 pounds of marijuana from a Phoenix home on March 27. That was the largest one-time seizure of marijuana in March.

As a result of the Arizona Department of Public Safety’s tireless effort to dismantle and disrupt the criminal organizations that manufacture, grow, transport and sell illegal drugs, communities in Arizona and across the U.S. are becoming safer places to live.

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